

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection to language in the Abstract. Also, Claims have been amended in response to the Examiner's informality objections.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In view of the amending of Claim 1, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is deemed overcome and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,296,375, which issued to Sung et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Sung et al patent cited by the Examiner as anticipating the instant invention, does not contain all of the material elements recited in Applicant's present claims. Sung et al teaches a compact fluorescent lamp including a housing for enclosing a ballast and, optionally, a starter; a fluorescent light tube attached to the housing and electrically connected to the ballast; and a base electrically connected to the ballast and physically attached to the housing for connecting the lamp to an electrical receptacle. The housing is provided at an upper edge thereof with male or female mating elements, for example, threads, tabs, or slots. The lamp further includes a translucent cover or shroud for surrounding the fluorescent tube, having a closed form and being open at an end thereof, and being provided at the open end with male or female mating elements cooperative with the mating elements on the housing to directly, positively, and detachably attach the cover to the housing.

Applicant submits that Sung et al fails to disclose a electric lamp comprising at least one vessel for producing and emitting visible electromagnetic radiation, a base for securing and making electrical contact with the lamp in a luminaire fitting, and a connecting part which connects the base to a housing, wherein the connecting part includes a rotationally symmetrical rotary device which allows the housing to be rotated with respect to the base, when the base is secured in the luminaire fitting, about the axis of the lamp, the rotary device comprises a second part connected to the base of the lamp,

and a first part connected to an outer surface of the housing, the two parts are latched into one another. In view of the above, Applicant submits that the rejection is deemed improper since Sung et al does not satisfy the essential requirement for a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

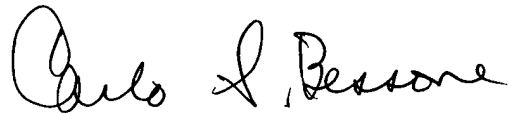
Applicant's Claims 3-9 and 11 are dependent on independent Claims 1, and therefore include all recitations thereof. Moreover, Applicant's dependent claims include additional limitations that, when combined with the recitations in Claim 1, render these claims further distinct over the Sung et al. Therefore, Claims 3-9 and 11 are likewise deemed allowable.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sung et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,580,221, which issued to Hutzler et al.

Claim 10 is dependent on independent Claim 1 and thus depend on subject matter deemed patentable. Allowance thereof is also urged.

The Application with Claims 1, 3-11 is deemed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully urged. Should the Examiner believe that minor differences exist which, if overcome, would pass the Application to allowance and that said differences can be discussed in a phone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlo S. Bessone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carlo" being the most prominent.

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